

Informative Thought Question

Criteria:	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points
<p>Purpose for Writing</p> <p><i>Does your writing use informative text to examine, or tell about, an appropriate topic?</i></p>	Your writing clearly uses informative text to examine an appropriate topic.	Your writing mostly uses informative text to examine an appropriate topic.	Your writing mostly uses informative text, but the topic is somewhat unclear.	Your writing needs to use informative text to help make the topic clear.
<p>Organization</p> <p><i>Does your writing have a clear introduction, a well-organized middle, and a definite conclusion?</i></p>	Your writing has a clear introduction, a well-organized middle, and a definite conclusion.	Your writing has an introduction, middle, and conclusion, but one or more parts need a little work.	Your writing needs to be clearer; there might be missing parts of the introduction, middle, or conclusion.	Your writing needs a clear introduction, middle, and/or conclusion.
<p>Details</p> <p><i>Do you include specific details, such as facts, definitions, and quotes, to develop your topic?</i></p>	Your writing includes many specific details, such as facts, definitions, and quotes, to develop your topic.	Your writing includes some specific details, but your topic could use more development.	Your writing includes few details, and/or your details do not help to fully develop your topic.	Your writing must have specific details, and/or the details you give do not help to develop your topic.
<p>Sentence Structure and Style</p> <p><i>Do you use a variety of sentences? Do you use transitions to link ideas? Do you establish and maintain a formal style of writing?</i></p>	Your sentences are strong and varied in structure, with transitions that clearly link ideas. You establish and maintain a formal style of writing.	Your sentences are mostly clear and varied, with transitions that adequately link ideas. Your writing is mostly formal in style.	Your writing is clear but could use more sentence variety. There is room for improvement, including the use of clearer transitions and a more formal style.	Your writing needs to be clear so that it is easy to follow. It must be better organized with clearer transitions, and/or your style of writing must be formal.
<p>Mechanics</p> <p><i>Did you check your spelling, punctuation, and capitalization? Did you look for other errors?</i></p>	You have no spelling, punctuation, or capitalization errors. You have no other errors.	You have very few spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. You have few other errors.	You have some spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. You have some other errors.	You have many spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. You have many other errors.